

## COUNTY OF ALPINE Board of Supervisors

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Sixto Fernandez
Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program
California Department of Parks & Recreation
OHMVR Division
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Subject: Stanislaus National Forest – Calaveras Slick Rock Planning

Dear Sixto Fernandez:

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors supports the Stanislaus National Forest's grant application through the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program for the Calaveras Slick Rock Planning project. The planning objective for this project is to reroute the Slick Rock Jeep Trail in Alpine County. This current trail is a major trail artery for the Calaveras Ranger District and is an extremely popular trail in the Bear Valley/Lake Alpine Area and was created in the 1800's. A small portion of this trail (¾ of a mile) is located on private property and needs to be rerouted off private land due the lack of a formal right-of-way authorizing public use, and by request of the private land owner. Removing this private land from the existing trail would discontinue the throughway Access of Slick Rock Jeep Trail from Lake Alpine to Utica Reservoir. The private land owner will only allow public use of the trail utilizing private land through calendar year 2018.

We understand that this planning grant funding request covers all aspects of project planning: resource surveys, analysis, evaluation, reports and documentation sufficient to meet requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The funding request also includes trail layout and design of about 1 mile of trail. The Calaveras Slick Rock Planning funding request does not include the actual construction/building of the trail reroute. A subsequent grant request may be submitted in the future for actual trail development.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant application.

Please contact the County if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Katherine Rakow

Chair, Alpine County Board of Supervisors